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- 1. COMATT MET WITH ENG PETRE ZAMIRCA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND ENG R. COZMACIUC OF INVESTMENT DIRECTORATE MINISTRY OF MINES, PETROLEUM AND GEOLOGY TO OBTAIN CURRENT INFORMATION ON STATUS MOLDOVA-NOUA AND ROSIU POIENI COPPER MING PROJECTS.
- 2. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTIONS, ZAMIRCA PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION (FYI NO INFORMATION VOLUNTEERED END RYI):

A. INFRASTRUCTURE: SOME WORK BEGUN ON MOLDOVA - NOUA, NONE ON ROSIU POIENI.

B. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS: ROMANIANXT TALKING WITH NUMEROUS U.S. AND OTHER FOREIGN FIRMS ABOUT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS. MINISTRY STILL IN PROCESS DEFINING IMPORT PRIORITIES THESE PROJECTS AND HOPES ESTABLISH WITHIN NEXT THREE MO THS WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL BE BROUGHT ON STRICT IMPORT BASIS AND WHAT NEEDS WILL BE SUBJECT OF COOPERATION PROJECTS. PRIME GOR INTEREST APPEARS BE IN HANVING MAJOR IMPORTS TIED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SOME SORT OF COOPERATION VENTURE. SPECIFIC ITEMS THAT MINISTRY INTERESTED IN, INCLUDE - AUTOMATED PROCESSING CONTROLS; TECHNOLOGY ON ORE LEACHING WITH BACTERIA; 80-6/0 TON CAPACITY DUMP TRUCKS; 8 TO 12 CUBIC METER EXCAVATORS; DRILLERS; ORE CRUSHERS, CAPACITY 2,200 TO 2,400 TONS/HOUR; AUTOMATED ORE PROCESSING INSTALLATIONS; ORE CONCENTRATING PROCESSES; EXPLOSIVES, ETC.

C. CONTACTS WITH U.S. FIRMS: 4-MEMBER MINISTRY TEAM LEAVING FOR U.S. WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20 TO PURSUE CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS U.S. COMPANIES. FIRMS NOT BEING VISITED BUT INTERESTED IN CONTACTING TEAM SHOULD PLACE REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS THROUGH ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN NEW YORK, ZAMIRCA AND TEAM WOULD VISIT NEW YORK,

PENNSYLVANIA, MINNESOTA, ARIZONA, ETC. TEAM WILL ALSO HAVE CONTACT WITH U.S. BUREAU OF MINES, BUT PROBABLY NOT IN WASHINGTON. SOME OF COMPANIES TO BE VISITED INCLUDE: GE (IRIE, PA MR. WOLFE-AUTOMATED PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS), WABCO, BUCHYRUS-ERIE, ALLIS CHALMERS, MARION AND KENNECOTT.

D. STATUS OF NEGOTATIONS: TALKS WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES ALL CURRENTLY IN INITIAL TECHNICAL STAGE. PLAN IS THAT BOTH PROJECTS SHOULD BE IN OPERATION IN 1978 OR 1979.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ZAMIRCA SAID TEAM WILL BE IN U.S. WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20 AND HE SUPPOSEDLY HEADING IT, GOR PTS NOT YET SENT TEAM'S PASSPORTS TO EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION FOR VISAS. THEREFORE, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL SLIPPAGE IN VISIT DATES. BARNES

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